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On behalf of the New York State Coalition for School-Based Health Centers we urge you to find a solution to the problem of inadvertent confidentiality breaches of adolescents' reproductive health care. The requirement to provide an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) may inadvertently disclose confidential information to a parent/legal guardian. Many school-based health centers in New York State have to provide confidential reproductive health services as non-billable visits to protect adolescents privacy weakening vulnerable centers' financial sustainability. It is imperative that centers have the ability to bill and receive reimbursement for needed reproductive health care services while maintaining adolescents privacy. We urge you to take recommendations provided by the Partnership for Prevention, American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, and the Society for Adolescent Health Medicine to find a solution to this problem.

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